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SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND YUGOSLAVIA'S DEPUTY
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOJSOV, JUNE 30, 1977

1. AMB YOUNG AND YUGOSLAVIA'S DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY LAZAR
MOJSOV, WHO IS SLATED TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF 32ND UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY (UNGA), HAD CORDIAL THIRTY-MINUTE MEETING JUNE 30.
THEY AGREED TO MAINTAIN VERY CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION
DURING THE UNGA. MOJSOV CONSIDERED THE MIDDLE EAST, PALESTINE,
NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, CYPRUS, DISARMAMENT AND THE NORTH/SOUTH
DIALOGUE AS AMONG THE "VERY IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT" ITEMS ON
THE UNGA'S PROVISIONAL AGENDA. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED AFRICA,
THE MIDDLE EAST, AND US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. YOUNG RECOGNIZED
YUGOSLAVIA AS A "GENUINELY NONALIGNED" COUNTRY WHOSE EXAMPLE
ENCOURAGED TRENDS OF INDEPENDENCE AMONG AFRICAN SOCIALIST
STATES AND EUROPEAN COMMUNIST. YOUNG APPLAUDED YUGOSLAVIA
AS A BRIDGE FOR PEACE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.
END SUMMARY.

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2. COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION: YOUNG AND MOJSOV MET
IN THE INDONESIAN LOUNGE AT UN HEADQUARTERS. USUN
SUGGESTED THE MEETING WHICH WAS MOST READILY AGREED TO
BY THE YUGOSLAVS. YOUNG EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE THAT
MOJSOV WOULD BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA. YOUNG SAID THAT
THE EXAMPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA AS A "GENUINELY NONALIGNED"

COUNTRY HAD ENCOURAGED TRENDS OF INDEPENDENCE AMONG AFRICAN SOCIALIST STATES AND EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS. YOUNG APPLAUDED YUGOSLAVIA AS A "BRIDGE FOR PEACE AND COOPERATION" EVENTUALLY WOULD REACH EVERYWHERE, AND THAT IN AFRICA, WITH POLITICS SWEEPED ASIDE, YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD WORK SIDE BY SIDE COOPERATING ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. YOUNG CONTINUED THAT THE US IS NOT A MEMBER OF A REGIONAL CAUCUS AT THE UN AND, THEREFORE, HAS TRADITIONALLY MAINTAINED VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE UNGA PRESIDENCY. YOUNG STRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR CLOSEST COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE UNGA PRESIDENCY. MOJSOV WELCOMED YOUNG'S "PROMISING SUGGESTION" AND RECALLED HIS CLOSE TIES WITH FORMER US PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES YOST, BUSH, AND SCALI DURING HIS INCUMBENCY AS YUGOSLAVIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT VERY CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WOULD CONTINUE NOT ONLY BETWEEN USUN AND THE UNGA PRESIDENCY BUT ALSO BETWEEN USUN AND YUGOSLAVIA'S MISSION.

3. FORTHCOMING UNGA: MOJSOV EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS IN NEW YORK TO CONSULT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. HE HAD JUST SPENT TWO AND A HALF HOURS WITH MEMBERS OF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S STAFF GOING OVER THE ANNOTATED, 122-ITEM, PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 32ND UNGA. MOJSOV SAID HE HAD IDENTIFIED TWELVE "VERY IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT ITEMS" INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST, PALESTINE, CONFIDENTIAL

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CYPRUS, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, DISARMAMENT AND THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. ADDITIONALLY, HE CONSIDERED TWENTY-THREE OTHER ITEMS ALSO TO FALL IN "DIFFICULT" CATEGORY. (THE UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WHO BRIEFED MOJSOV ON THE AGENDA WERE FROM OFFICE OF UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS BUFFUM. THEY WERE SENIOR OFFICER JAY H. LONG (US) AND DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS JEAN GAZARIAN (FRANCE). MOJSOV WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THAT MEETING BY ZIVOJIN JAZIC, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN SECRETARIAT. JAZIC WAS WITH MOJSOV AT THIS MEETING WITH YOUNG.)

4. US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS: YOUNG EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET AND CONCERN OVER THE INCIDENT ON JUNE 14 AT YUGOSLAVIA'S MISSION WHEN CROAT NATIONALIST TERRORISTS FORCED THEIR WAY IN AND WOUNDED THE DOORMAN. IN REPLY, MOJSOV NOTED THE FAVORABLE TREND IN US-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL RELATIONS AS EVIDENCED BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY YUGOSLAV SENIOR EDVARD KARDELJ TO THE US. MOJSOV THEN DEPLORED THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE US ON

THIS TREND. WHILE HE APPRECIATED THE HEIGHTENED SECURITY ATTENTION US AUTHORITIES WERE GIVING YUGOSLAV OFFICES AND OFFICIALS, MOJSOV SAID THIS WAS NOT THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM. HE CALLED FOR A CRACKDOWN ON THE ACTIVITIES OF HOSTILE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN "TOLERATED" IN THE US AND THOSE WHO MASTERMIND THEM. MOJSOV WAS CONVINCED THAT THE JUNE 14 ATTACK ON THE EVE OF THE CSCE MEETING IN BELGRADE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONCEIVED BY THE THREE CAPTURED TERRORISTS ALONE. YOUNG TOOK FULL NOTE OF MOJSOV'S CONCERN.

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5. AFRICA: AT THE VERY START OF THE CONVERSATION, MOJSOV ASKED ABOUT AFRICA. MOJSOV SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN ADDIS ABABA RECENTLY AND HAD MET LT. COL. MENGISTU. HE HAD FOUND MENGISTU EXTREMELY RIGID. HE HAD COUNSELED MENGISTU TO CONTACT NEIGHBORING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND DEESCALATING A DANGEROUS SITUATION IN THE REGION. MOJSOV BELIEVED THAT MENGISTU MIGHT BE BEGINNING TO MODERATE IN HIS ATTITUDES. YOUNG SAID MOJSOV HAD PERFORMED A VALUABLE FUNCTION IN ENCOURAGING BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MENGISTU AND HIS NEIGHBORS. AS TO NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, YOUNG TOLD MOJSOV THAT HE WAS MUCH MORE ENCOURAGED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH NAMIBIA THAN WITH RHODESIA. YOUNG SAID IT WAS HARD TO GET A HANDLE ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS WERE SPLIT AND

THE FRONT-LINE STATES WERE NOT COHESIVE. FURTHERMORE, SMITH AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE CUT FROM TOO MUCH THE SAME STUFF FOR ONE TO BE ABLE TO DEPEND ON THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO INFLUENCE SMITH. WELL-COORDINATED US-UK
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ACTIVITY WAS ESSENTIAL. MOJSOV AGREED AND STRESSED THAT NAMIBIA SHOULD BE KEPT IN THE FOREFRONT. IF A BREAK-THROUGH WERE ACHIEVED ON NAMIBIA THIS COULD LEAD TO PROGRESS ON OTHER FRONTS AS WELL.

6. MIDDLE EAST: YOUNG SAID HE WAS AN OPTIMIST BY NATURE. HE STRESSED THAT OPTIMISM RATHER THAN DESPAIR WAS ESSENTIAL TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS. YOUNG CONSIDERED THE PRESENT MOOD OF MODERATION IN THE ARAB WORLD ENCOURAGING. HE UNDERLINED THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER COULD SHED IMPORTANT LIGHT ON THE SITUATION. YOUNG HOPED FOR A MIDDLE EAST BREAKTHROUGH THAT WOULD LEAD TO RESUMED TALKS IN GENEVA. HE COMMENTED THAT, EVEN IF THE GENEVA TALKS DID NOT PRODUCE ANY IMMEDIATELY TANGIBLE RESULT, THE VERY CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES COULD LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING. YOUNG ADDED THAT THE GENEVA MEETINGS ON RHODESIA, EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL, HAD LED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MOVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MOJSOV AGREED WITH YOUNG SAYING: "HUMAN CONTACT CAN LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING."

7. CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION: TO CONCLUDE THE CONVERSATION, YOUNG INVITED MOJSOV TO FEEL FREE TO OFFER ANY ADVICE OF GUIDANCE HE MIGHT HAVE FOR YOUNG PERSONALLY. YOUNG SAID THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE CONSTANTLY MOVING AND IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO GET BEHIND AND IN TROUBLE. YOUNG SAID WE WERE BEHIND ON RHODESIA. YOUNG SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM MOJSOV EITHER PERSONALLY OR THROUGH A MESSENGER. FOR HIS PART, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MOJSOV AND SAID THE US WOULD TRY TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. MOJSOV THANKED YOUNG AND SAID THAT YOUNG, AS "AN ACTIVE, OPTIMIST" WAS ACHIEVING CONCRETE RESULTS. MOJSOV STRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S
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INITIATIVES INCLUDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S "NO" ON THE B-1 BOMBER.

8. MOJSOV'S TRAVEL: WE UNDERSTAND MOJSOV WILL BE DEPARTING NEW YORK ON JULY 6 OR A DAY OR TWO BEFOREHAND. ON HIS

RETURN TRIP TO BELGRADE, HE EXPECTS TO STOP IN LONDON TO
MEET FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND IN PARIS TO MEET FOREIGN
MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD. ACCORDING TO THE UN SECRETARIAT,
MOJSOV WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK IN MID-SEPTEMBER IN TIME FOR
THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE 31ST UNGA.
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